

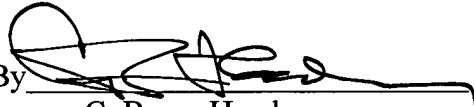
REMARKS

The amendments deal merely with formalities, including the elimination of improper multiple dependencies, to place the application in better condition for examination.

Please charge the government fee of \$280.00 for having multiple dependent claims and the government fee of \$252.00 for having fourteen additional claims in excess of twenty to Deposit Account No. 10-1250. Also, charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

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APPENDIX I



AMENDED CLAIMS WITH AMENDMENTS INDICATED THEREIN
BY BRACKETS AND UNDERLINING

1. (Amended) A pressure-sensitive tape for closing, sealing [and] or gluing joints in house construction, [particularly] including joints in corners and edges, [with] comprising a backing layer [on the upper side of the tape and], an adhesive layer[, which is on the underside of the tape] supported by the backing layer, and [provided with] a peelable protective film resting on the adhesive layer, wherein the protective film has at least one slit in [the] a longitudinal direction and the tape is folded upon itself in [the] a transverse direction along the slit in such a manner[,] that at least a portion of the protective film is disposed on the outside and that at least a lateral longitudinal section is provided, [which is] said section being perforated.

3. (Amended) The tape of [claims] claim 1 or 2, wherein the backing [consists of] comprises paper and/or a plastic film and the adhesive layer is a pressure-sensitive acrylate adhesive.

4. (Amended) The tape of [one of the preceding claims] claim 1 or 2, wherein the backing is [such, that it can be torn by] hand tearable transversely to the longitudinal direction of the tape.

5. (Amended) The tape of [one of the preceding claims] claim 1 or 2, wherein the adhesive layer has a non-adhering central strip and the protective film is slit along a line between the non-adhering central strip and the adjoining adhesive layer and is folded along the line.

6. (Amended) The tape of [one of the preceding claims] claim 1 or 2, wherein [the] said folded tape[, in a folded state, is rolled up into] is in the form of a roll [of adhesive tape].

8. (Amended) The combination of the tape of [one of the preceding claims, wherein the tape is rolled up on a matching unrolling device, from which it can be unrolled once again] claim 6 and a dispenser, the dispenser storing the tape and being adapted for unrolling of the tape therefrom thereby to dispense the tape.

9. (Amended) The [tape] combination of claim 8, wherein means are provided at least at the folded side of the tape for preventing adhesion to the [unrolling device] dispenser.

10. (Amended) The tape of [one of the preceding claims] claim 1 or 2, wherein the tape is at least 3 to 4 cm wide [in the] when not folded [state].

11. (Amended) The tape of [one of the preceding claims] claim 1 or 2, wherein two lateral longitudinal sections, which are perforated, are provided [in each case at side regions].

12. (Amended) The tape of [one of the preceding claims] claim 1 or 2, wherein a non-adhering central strip is provided and the perforated longitudinal section is at a distance from the central strip.

13. (Amended) The tape of [one of the preceding claims] claim 1 or 2, wherein the backing, the adhesive layer and the protective film[, which can be pulled off,] are perforated.

14. (Amended) The tape of [one of the preceding claims] claim 1 or 2, wherein the backing consists of [a material, particularly of] an open-pored material[, which exhibits good adhesion properties for plaster.

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15. (Amended) The tape of [one of the preceding claims] claim 1 or 2, wherein the perforated section has openings with an average diameter of at least 3 millimeters.

17. (Amended) [A] The combination of claim 8, wherein the dispenser [for a rolled-up pressure-sensitive tape of one of the claims 1 to 16, which essentially surrounds the roll of adhesive tape and] has at least one outlet slot for the tape.

18. (Amended) The combination of claim 8, wherein the dispenser [of claim 17, wherein] is comprised of cardboard [is used as material].

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